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Dear

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 25 October 2018 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked for - Correspondence from and to the First Minister and / or her office and the BBC (any and all contacts) relating to the News XChange conference due to take place in Edinburgh on November 14 & 15 2018.

- Correspondence from and to any Special Advisers and the BBC (any and all contacts) relating to the News XChange conference due to take place in Edinburgh on November 14 & 15 2018.

- Correspondence from and to the First Minister and / or her office and the European Broadcasting Union (any and all contacts) relating to the News XChange conference due to take place in Edinburgh on November 14 & 15 2018.

- Correspondence from and to Special Advisers and the European Broadcasting Union (any and all contacts) relating to the News XChange conference due to take place in Edinburgh on November 14 & 15 2018.

- Any other relevant papers, notes, records or other information relating to the decision of the First Minister to take up an invitation to take part in this event, and subsequently withdraw.

Response to your request

I enclose a copy of some of the information you requested.

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance we are unable to provide some of the information you have requested because an exemption(s) under section(s) s.38(1)(b) (personal information) of FOISA applies to that information. The reasons why that exemption(s) applies are explained in the Annex to this letter.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to Liz Ditchburn, liz.ditchburn@gov.scot at Room 1N.01, St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result, within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>

Yours sincerely,

Creative Industries, Screen and Media Policy

REASONS FOR NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION**An exemption applies**

An exemption(s) under section(s) section 38(1)(b) (personal data relating to third party) of FOISA applies to some of the information you have requested. We have not provided names of individuals below rank of Senior Civil Service in the Scottish Government, nor of individuals in the BBC whom were in contact, or whom were referred to in email exchanges, with the Scottish Government.

This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.

